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EYE OPENERS

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Man wants but little here below zero.

Roses are in bloom at Los Angeles and James Reilly, Oregon George and Bob English are basking on the grandstand of the race track every afternoon—but why rub it in? James Young is back, however, feeling Old.

There must have been some rascals at St. Petersburg also, for the despatches state that Nicholas also ran.

The sensational little story proves to be a fake and for the sake of Calgary's reputation we are glad of it. Many of the stories that get circulated about people in this town are untrue. Still, they may only partially affect him—drum of the stories that do not get out. What?

Edmonton now estimates that it has a population of over 40,000. Estimates are easy to make. Calgary with her home life population of 17,000, is seriously thinking of estimating her population at 20,000 just to prove that she is not inferior to Edmonton.

Edmonton's bid for the capital has had a disastrous effect. Okotoks, Charlestown, Olds, Castlegar, Cochrane and Ponoka have erupted gingerly from the underbrush and begun squeaking about their claims.

We have not been in Edmonton for a number of years, but from all accounts, it must have altered very much. A man died there some time ago and passed to another world. While there he was one day strolling about, looking like a stranger, when another old Edmontonian espied him and, walking up, said, "Hello, Jimmy, how are you making out?"

"Hully I tell you. Heaven is much better than Edmonton."

"Heaven?" exclaimed the other. "This isn't heaven."

A delegation has been sent from Calgary to Ottawa to put a copper coin in the machine plot of Edmonton to be made the provisional capital of the new province. There is a loud snarl of Russian methods in Edmonton's course in this matter. It would result in microscopic rejection of the Manchurian entanglements. Once she got the provisional capital, it would take all hell and a whole lot of policemen to make her give it up. No, no. Let Edmonton be content with her new \$14,000,000. She needs that more than the capital.

Common sense points to Banff as affording the best temporary quarters for the new legislature. It is neutral, national ground and has the further advantage of ample accommodation for everybody, to the detriment of the delinquent environment. Red Deer may be the selection, but they have not the accommodation.

We should not be surprised were Edmonton to nominate one of its suggestions about Banff (so miles from Calgary) by putting forward the claim of Altaba, 1000 miles from Edmonton. She is quite capable of whooping up any old thing, even bogus trails.

We think this delegation to Ottawa would prove more effective were it of a composite nature, representative of the whole country lying between Red Deer and the boundary. A delegation consisting of the mayor of Calgary and the president of the Board of Trade, and the mayors of Olds, Okotoks, Macleod, Lethbridge, Cardston and Medicine Hat, would have carried more weight. The making of Edmonton the provisional capital is intended as a hybrid recognition on the Government's part of recent favors, no kinsman group of politicians from this town will make them change their mind. Calgary's protest applies too obviously to this city alone. A general howl, however, from the above named towns against the proposition to make the provisional capital in such an INCONVENIENT OUT-OF-THE-WAY place as Edmonton, together with a dignified protest against giving that cocky little village such a start in the race for permanent capital honors, allow us to best the baron as they were—might have a much better effect in neutralizing the pull of Frank Oliver and P. Talbot.

From the ceremonial point of view, Calgary is entitled to be the capital of the new province. Dice honors may here be shown to the distinguished travelers crossing the continent. Now that Jordan's is closed, it is imperative that Calgary should have the part of host.

The Sports and Attractions committee of the Exhibition Board have made arrangements for a magnificent display of spectacular fireworks on two nights of the fair, and the platform attractions, music at shorter intervals than an hour between pieces and a gigantic display of fireworks should be to draw big crowds to our fair.

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for the province. She would have to continue enacting the role of lost even though Edmonton were actually the permanent capital.

Few persons of eminence visiting the West have the time or inclination to make that dreary trip over the C. & R. to Edmonton. Calgary and Banff are the two chief points of interest, the one as the western industrial center, the other as one of the seats of the magnates of the side of Minto and Tom Cochrane, the only great man to visit Edmonton within our present recollection is Sir Charles Tupper, and what do you suppose they did to him? They must be the gentlemen out of the sleigh over a steep outlook into a snowdrift, coming down the hill from Edmonton. They gave him, the throw-down that time, all right, all right.

The Eastern press, especially immigration papers, are unanimous in declaring that Calgary is the industrial centre of the country lying between Winnipeg and the coast. The news should be broken gently to Frank Oliver and P. Talbot, and they, of course, can pass it on to Sir Wilfrid.

We cannot help thinking how nicely situated the Boise River is at present, being about midway between two centres of trouble.

What is the use of Canada spending millions on immigration agents and Lethbridge, Alberta, when for a few hundred dollars in press telegrams, a resort might easily be pointed throughout the entire country that vast gold fields had been discovered in the vicinity of Carstairs.

The West would speedily have a population, a trifle larger than China.

How is this for nerve, though? The next evening after the mass meeting of ratepayers had sanctioned the sending of eight delegates to Ottawa, a proposition was laid before the City Council to add to their number Messrs Skinner, Hatfield and Jimmy Reilly. The council promptly turned it down. Another credit mark to the new council.

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Here is one feature in connection with the recent massacres at St. Petersburg that the press seems to have overlooked. When the butchery of the king and queen of Serbia occurred, the powers (England foremost) protested against the assassination by withdrawing their representatives from the Court of Belgrade. You will observe that none of the nations have withdrawn their representatives from St. Petersburg, the seat of the assassinations of the undefending men who desired to present a petition to the czar.

One would have expected a stern protest, at least, from the Republics of France and the United States. But, unfortunately, these republics are of the same opinion as the monarchial powers, that two known Calgary horsemen, who were killed or wounded of the hundred killed or wounded of the election people. When Will, this royalty take itself out?

It may interest all-timers in Calgary to know that Mrs. Field, the mother of Billy Field, the well-known Calgary horseman, was prior to her marriage in this country the English governess of children of the Grand Duke Vladimir at St. Petersburg. Until the Czarina coughed up that he had Vladimir was next to the throne in line of succession—were the said to be assassinated tomorrow. Vladimir would be aged and of the kindness shown to settle by the Grand Duke Vladimir, the Czar's son to give the command to the soldiers to fire on the people.

Poor little ear! Whatever he is doing he should be down by the second commanding the waves to "turn back" just for practice. There is no doubt about his mind, being several times too small to fit his emergency.

Some of the Russians who were taken to think of the czar as their little hero, hardly think of him as a Dutch uncle now.

However, there is one pleasant feature about the riots for the czar. They served to distract the attention of the world from the fact that his own soldiers had just taken a shot at him.

The conference of Calgary politicians which met last week for the purpose of forming themselves into a union and deciding upon a line of action for the holidays requirements of dead-end sports in the many and exceedingly varied manner, celebrated its closing with last Thursday. Five learned representatives from local institutions met in the proceedings, which it is pleasant to relate, were not marred in any way by anything but the most dignified and scholarly.

Professor Johnson occupied the chair and delivered the opening address, which, by general request, will be published later on in pamphlet form. It was of the opinion that they should pin their faith on routine. He had found it highly productive of results. Routine, which by practice is made to those who had a comfortable beer and "cold" after their meal, while sentimental songs like "Marguerite" and "I don't know why I love you, but I do" seemed more calculated to make the dinner of distinguished visitors who happened to be mauling and slopping from the effects of folk whiskey. The professor entered fully into the different branches of melody which was specially calculated to make people blow themselves for booze, some good, some bad, and state it as his unalterable belief, based on psychological grounds as well as on coffee grounds, that music and routine were good for unlimited rounds of beer; sentimental songs reminiscent of home and the girl who turned you down and eloped with the second mate of a canal boat, were good for folk who had a good cry on the piano comprising airs from popular operas, called for wine every time. Professor Johnson was heartily applauded on concluding his address.

The other professors spoke briefly and explored the shocking falling off in loose change since the holidays. The adoption of grandiose phrases and platitudes by certain institutions were also condemned as being detrimental to their business. A motion limiting the number of beers to be consumed by a professor in one evening to 75, was lost. Resolutions were served, after which the conference was brought to a close. Several of the learned gentlemen were able to walk home.

Kuropatkin is also the victim of the revolution. He has been ordered to advance and win a few victories for the benefit of the St. Petersburg bulletin boards.

A diamond worth \$100,000 has been discovered in the Transvaal. It is said to be a finer stone than anything in the Clonks, though perhaps not quite so big.

Well, we have done our duty in the matter of calling attention to the excessive cost of the necessities of life in Calgary, but nothing will come of it. The Board of Trade cannot take it up for the reason that most of the merchants who do the willing belong to that illustrious body; nor dare the two daily newspapers handle the subject for fear of losing an advertiser out of two.

A fine weekly newspaper at the risk of pecuniary loss to itself, shows the easy-going public where they are being soaked, and the editor is told a hundred times a day on the street that his contention is just and proper and he is earnestly recommended to keep on giving 'em 'til, but the whole matter drops into the abyss of public indifference through lack of support from the quarters most affected and from the local press.

The daily newspapers here are altogether too much under the domination of their respective business editors, to public abuse can be expected if it affects in the slightest degree the interests of an advertiser. The city lat scandal was handled without going to public release of the participants happened to be contributors to the revenue of either or power. Horribly has nothing to do with the subject if the advertiser, so there was no hesitation about holding that gentleman and his horse up to public ridicule. The city council gets fits from the daily press on the slightest provocation, they all offend most eloquently, and that on a small scale. Were they all good old advertisers, their deeds in the council would be endorsed helio-bolus.

The way the matters do lie this—a man comes into the office with a real, genuine, bona fide grievance, which he needs of remedy. The editor in his own mind recognizes the justice of the cause, but he is too busy to do it. For business-office reasons, however, he dare not tackle it, but agrees to insert a letter on the subject if the complainant will sign his own name to it. As no one pays much attention to the letters, the editor in a paper, attributing kicks to the enlarged state of the kicker's ego, writes him a letter to the effect, indeed a pity that the Calgary dailies cannot rise superior to the submissive and time-consuming in vogue with our downtrodden friend, the village weekly.

For clumsy lying, commend us to the Russians. According to their official report, nineteen persons were killed in the recent St. Petersburg disturbance, of whom 16 were buried the following day. The Russian government should send out a commission to Edmonton to study old pamphlets and articles from the Bulletin and the Edmonton route to the Klondyke and Gold Dredging in the Saskatchewan. A course of study, also, under an Edmonton real estate shark would also give them a line on the use of the word "vandalism" to the impossible.

Russian people are slowly decaying, that is, they are getting dumber and dumber and are made of the same flesh and blood as common people here and there, and the grand old humanitarians have so far overcome their terror as to be able to explain that nothing of any sequence has happened.

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The suggestion to make Edmonton the capital of the new province met with the approval of all the better class of inhabitants in the vicinity of the Arts Circle. The whistles of Point Barrow and McIlwain Streets are also enthusiastic over the idea. Numerous letters from the north continue to pour in warmly endorsing Edmonton as the future capital.

Point Barrow, latitude 73, August 2, 1904.
Sec'y, Edmonton Board of Trade, Dear Sir—

At a meeting of the Board of whalers held here last night in Trader Johnson's store—Jacob McGuffey, captain of the "Calumny Jane," chairman—a resolution was passed thoroughly endorsing the proposition to make Edmonton the capital of the new province. It was the sense of the meeting that such a step might have the desired effect of opening up vast fields of ice here for settlement by a good class of whalers. If you have a new corporation seal we shall be happy to send you down a few lines. Hoping that the mortality from the north tremors is on the decrease in your burg, I am,

Yours respectfully,
PETER MARKHAM,
Secretary,
Point Barrow Board of Whalers.

"Hueygan, Peace River, Nov. 12, 1904.
Sec'y, Edmonton Board of Trade, Dear Sir—

We, the white settlers in this picturesque country, beg to send our congratulations to Edmonton on the prospect of her becoming the capital of the new province. It will be of supreme benefit to all four of us. We have hardly done a thing up here since you so kindly forwarded us that bewildering array of Edmonton-Route Klondyke six years ago. Their bleached bones have mostly all been buried by this time. You fellows made a big killing on that occasion in more senses than one. Among a number of comic cuts posted on the wall of our store is The Bull's-Eye, a celebrated map of the Edmonton Trail to the Klondyke. It is a never-failing source of amusement during the long evenings. You certainly deserve to have the capital for your check.

Yours respectfully,
Rufus McGonigle,
J. B. Thornton,
Also Slusky's.

"Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake Oct. 5, 1904.
Sec'y, Edmonton Board of Trade, Dear Sir—

Over a bottle of Florida water last night the Hudson Bay factor and myself decided that Edmonton was the proper place for the new capital. If Calgary is the location it will take us three days longer to procure a consignment of Florida water, Peppermint, Tanqueray ginger, Pankiller and Red Ink. The other white settler on the lake, Jimmy Simpson, would not agree to our decision were he here. He owes us a big Florida water bill.

Yours truly,
OWNEY GREGGEGAN,
Director of Chores, Ft. Resolution.

"R. C. Mission, Lake la Biche, Jan. 4, 1905.
Sec'y, Edmonton Board of Trade, Monsieur—

L'esperance qu'Edmonton va devenir la capitale de notre nouvelle province pour la raison que nos amis n'ont pas l'occasion que leurs offres a Calgary d'aller se saigner a la pointe Shaganappi, ou sous de leurs amis et parents demeurent. Les profonds sentiments religieux de vos citoyens, particulièrement de vos agents d'immeubles (Real Estate), vous mettront la distinction de devenir la ville Capitale. Les nettes et les Indiens de notre mission voient le mouvement d'un bon oeil. Alors, car devriez déterminer la chose.

Respectueusement a vous,
PERE COPON.

"Upper Navik, latitude 81, July 1, 1904.
(From Mrs. Norval Ericson, Esquimaux lady.)

Thir—
Recoute my upelling. I have a bad hump. I hope you will succeed in becoming capital of new province. What we might need here is a pollman. My hump hump it's very tough. He thumps my fathe every day. When he hit knocking me down he it knocking me up. Thump up a pollman at thom n'th you become a pro-viath and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
HILMA ERICSON.

"Lesse Slave Lake, Jan. 4, 1905.
Sec'y, Edmonton Board of Trade, Dear Sir—

I have been requested by a representative of the H.B. Indians to attempt to wrest the capital from Calgary. Speaking for Mr. Elmer Bredin and myself, I think Edmonton will suit us first-rate. If the H.B. Indians send me down as their representative to the Provincial Parliament, I shall not have far to go. There is rumor here that Donald Ross is to be the first premier. Do you think the country could stand another Ross government?

Yours sincerely,
JAMES K. CORNWALL.

P. S. If neither Calgary nor Edmonton are selected, Mr. Bredin and I would move much like to have the capital erected on the west end of Lesser Slave Lake contiguous to our trading post. We can fill up the legislators on Athabasca slings in great shape. Keep your eye on Lesser Slave Lake.

The citizens of Leduc have plumed decided to change the name of their burg and we learn from the Leduc Enterprise that a public meeting is to be called to think up some appropriate name. In view of the fact that the main feature of Leduc is the pork packery and that the roads converging into town are always black with teams hauling pigs to Ward & Co.'s sacrificial altar, we would suggest as a suitable name. Not Porkville, nor Porkborough, nor Hogtown, just Pork. Ireland has her Cork, why not Canada her Pork? Amongst other proposed names we find Lakeside or Lakeview. Either would suit if the main industry of the burg were incorporated in the title. It is most essential to ring in the hogs somewhere. A compromise sufficient to satisfy local pride might be arranged by calling the place Lakeview-on-the-Pork. It would appeal to anyone who has ever lived in Leduc.

That was a sensible present the business friends of Frank Helm of the Union Bank gave that popular gentleman in honor of his recent wedding—a porker suite and several other useful accessories. How much better this was than the customary pickle jars and silver-plated fish knife and fork.

Appropos of tributes to a man's worth, did you ever hear the yarn about the Irishman who died and had a lot of floral offerings on his bier, and afterwards became a contractor. The widow, since her loss to wealth, had put on an awful lot of society airs, and she walked into the room in which the coffin lay with a very haughty mien. The apartment was full of friends and mourners. A prominent floral piece was an anchor. The widow gazed upon it. The idea that some of her cast-off friends were trying to discredit her by calling up memories of long days and nights into her mind. Turning to the assembled company she asked: "Who the devil sent that pick?"

A Dutchman addressing his dog, said: "You was only a dog, but I vis't I saw you. When you got out your bed in you shust turn round three times and lay down; ven I go out the bed in I have to look up de liver, and wind up the clock, and put the cat out and address myself, and my front vakes up and scold, den de baby vakes up and cries and I have to vake him and de house round, den maybe, ven I shust stretch to bed it is time to get up again. Ven you get up you shust stretch yourself, dig your neck a little and you vas up. I had to light de fire, put on de kiddie, scarp some nat my vas already and jik myself breakfast. You play around all day and hav plenty of fun. I had to work all day and have plenty of drubbing. Ven you die you vas dead - ven I had to go to hell yet."

If civility cannot produce a gamier specimen than Nicholas the breed ought to be changed. Kings used to be brave even when they were fools. The only parallel we can think of is the case of Clifford Smith, on who is always sick or away off in the States on an official tour of inspection of immigration agencies when the House is in session.

If things keep moving along nicely by the time the ear-switch steps around to irritate the third eye it may be only a little pile of dung word.

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There should be drinking water at the depot anyhow. Visitors and strangers from the other side must think this a very one-horse place when they cannot get a drink of water when they need it. It is hopeless to expect hotelkeepers to encourage the drinking of water. The bar is the soul and life-blood of every hotel in this city. Everything else is subservient to it and water-gulping are regarded as mere amusements of the earth.

If Calgary cannot offer strangers and visitors, to say nothing of her own people, a free glass of water when they are thirsty, she is not worthy to become the capital of a ten acre patch of sagebrush.

Why don't the churches make a move? By ignoring this important matter, after it has been brought to their notice, they will be virtually acknowledging their powerlessness to do good even on a small scale. It may seem strange to some that we, of all persons, should be so earnest about this. But, believe us, we know far more about the evils of booze—which is the inevitable alternative when there is no water—than all the persons and temperance societies of Calgary combined.

Curse levee loganum, ingentes stupent-light, woees speak out, great woees are silent. This probably explains the silence re drinking water on the part of those who should look after it.

The newspaper men of the West have come and gone, after a busy convention in Calgary's fair city and a hilarious trip to Banff. It has always seemed to us in strange that Western editors did not take example from the typographers and form themselves into a strong organized body. The formation of the Alberta Press Association is an important move in the right direction.

Familiarity with newspapers is apt to blind the people to their true importance as a propaganda of information and instruction. Ryan O. Humblett little, rag, with its present news and local gleanings about Old Peterkin having his hair repainted, helps to instil knowledge and corporate loyalty to one's district. The children should be taught to pray for the local editor before tumbling into their little cuts, imputing the Almighty to give him grace and keep him fairly sober until his paper is out.

School children should be encouraged to follow the world's happenings in the newspapers. So great, so necessary and so reliable has the newspaper become—that it is undoubtedly a department of education.

The educated man of this day is the man who reads carefully every day the chief news in the papers, keeping informed about what is at home and throughout the world. Without the news and instruction which the newspaper imparts every day, education cannot be complete.

Had we everything to do with the teaching of young people we would not carry them any further back in history than the French Revolution. Historical events anterior to that period, such as Alfred the Great eating haddock at a noble's cottage and Oliver commanding the tide to recede and Emile Cromwell singing in Old Hundred with his Troubadours before the battle of Dunbar, might just as well be ticked up in the lamatic asylum later on.

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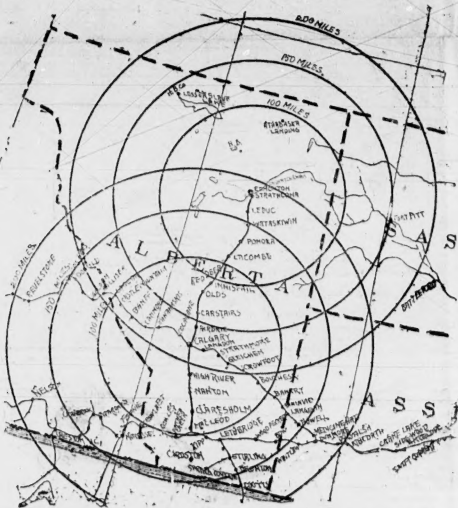
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If the present dunderhead system of education is kept up indefinitely, it will be a hundred and more years before instruction is given to the young in regard to the Russian-Japanese war. Live events, their cause and effect, is what they need, not a lot of silly rot about old-time kings and their Nell Gwynnes. The knowledge imparted in school children about the dead but still very superficial in the extreme. For instance, all the average young person, after he or she has left school, knows about Charles the First, is that he had his head cut off. They don't know WHY he had it cut off; only that it WAS cut off.

They also know that Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded, but few of them have the slightest idea why. They know, too, about Caesar being killed by Brutus, though many of them are a trifle hazy as to whether Brutus killed Caesar or Caesar killed Brutus.

Such innumerate stuff might just as well be dispensed with and a live newspaper with its stirring daily record of history-making current events substituted for the stale, dry, unlovable, Mary-had-a-little-lamb text books.

The Tall Timbers, Feb. 3.—Czar Nicholas arrived here on the bumper of a freight train last night, disguised as a hobo. He was promptly arrested by the local constable and lodged in the cooler. When the jailer discovered the identity of his prisoner he lost no time in cutting his throat—his own throat, not the prisoner's. When seen by your correspondent His Majesty said that in his opinion a revolutionist has Nitsky Prospekt of success. He is convinced that he will be able to head off the revolution in the usual way and he is particularly jubilant over the fact that it was necessary to kill only thirty men at Riga yesterday and seven at Moscow the day before. This is a ridiculously small death rate for a Russian revolution. The czar points out that if these men had lived they would have died of starvation anyhow. This argument he regards as unanswerable. His Majesty will remain here, till the trouble blows over. He is perfectly sober.

"All eyes are fast these days on the West. Full many a young man in Montreal or Toronto would trek west he'd be the price. These eastern fellows if untraveled, have unpleasantly crude ideas of western methods. When they do manage to get out here they have to go through a thorough deprecating process before they are any good. Winnipeggers are just as provincial—by which we mean that they have lived in the one city a long without moving away from it that the style and ways of that city become a sort of criterion of the correct paper. "Why, when I was in Winnipeg—" "Why, back east in Toronto we used to do it this way—" "Why, that may go all right in Calgary, but in Montreal—"

There was a young fellow here not long ago from Detroit. He was always talking Detroit. Everything had to be compared with something in Detroit. When he heard he couldn't impress us with Detroit he left town. Probably he went back to Detroit. It was very evident he had lived from childhood in Detroit, making full excursions on the penny steamboat to Windsor. Detroit was all the world to the poor brute. The same narrow view with regard to their native cities is held by most young men who had from eastern Canadian towns of any size.

The average young man who works on salary in Winnipeg never gets enough ahead to go anywhere at all, except to Elm Park or Silver Heights. Occasionally he may make a pass and take a trip to St. Paul, but never further. If he accomplishes the trip to St. Paul he is regarded as his return as a devil of a fellow. A man of the world, a globe trotter, from away back, and has to relate the story of his adventures for months afterwards to his astonished friends at the Wordline and the Royal Oak. Josh Calloway hunts him up and inquires

after the health of Jim Hill, hinting that a small job of Bye might improve his own. Jack Conkling, of the Free Press, presents him with a cigar and offers to start him on a lecture tour through the swamps of Roster. Thanksgiving services for his sale return are offered in the principal churches and he is pointed out on the street to visitors from the country. Little wonder that such a one regards his native city as a dog does his kennel.

Between the dense ignorance of the London slums and London, Ontario where the people of the above are not conscious of any world outside and do not know that green fields, flowers, mountains and trees exist, and the narrow-mindedness and pretense of a great many presumably intelligent persons brought up in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton or Winnipeg, who know nothing of the great West in their own country, the difference is of mere degree. To the former, the outside world does not exist, and the latter, the West is meaningless. Lack of experience explains both conditions. And yet the typical western Canadian who comes out west thinks he knows it all and sincerely imagines he can teach crude westerners a wrinkle or two. If he only knew it, the West is all wrinkles, young though it be.

The East's finance facilitates, but is not vital to the industrial life of the West. The air which the East gives itself are sourced in ignorance. Yet the self-assertion and boldness of the West are making the shrewd or heads back east way thoughtfully. Ottawa even is beginning to take the West into serious consideration. This is concession indeed! The ally politician fears the growing strength and capacity of the West. Western enterprise and courage have borne in upon the East instinctively to give it a wholesome regard for its impossible fellows, whose unadulterated cheek is fanned by the chinook; and it is high time for the East to take the alleged superiority of the East seriously. We should begin to laugh back pleasantly. In time the West will educate the East.

The Sherman-Summers Company have begun their season at the Sherman Theatre, late Hull's Opera House. Everyone has been delighted with Mr. Sherman's. Let us whisper in Mr. Sherman's ear a word of advice. Crude ideas of the West are rampant. East Lynne, itself, in addition to being a lacrimose play of the dearest description, is as much of a played out chestnut to Calgary audiences as Uncle Tom's Cabin and Camille. Why every second company that strikes Calgary should select plays we are all sick and tired of is a puzzle. This particular company, which is so strong in the comedy line and so blessed with vivacious actresses, should make a feature of brisk, farcically or short screaming forces such as Toole and Paul Bedford used to put on years ago in London. A cheapened theatre like this appeals more especially to people who want to be amused and sent home with laughter still giggling from their throats. East Lynne et al. will never their show if they don't switch out. Lady Isabel might just as well tell her troubles to some lat policeman. These remarks, of course, do not imply that the work of the company is faulty. On the contrary, they put up quite as good an evening's entertainment for 15c and 25c as we have been accustomed to get elsewhere for 75c and \$2.00. Because it is cheap, the good need not ignore the productions of this company. No one can afford to ignore talent.

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